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Order of Business.

—Temporary Organization.—

1. Called to order. Open by prayer.
2. Appoint committee on preaching.
3. Read statistical letters from churches.
4. The decorum shall be read.
5. Elect officers.

—Permanently Organized.—

1. Invite ministering brethren to seats with us.
2. Read petitionary letters for membership.
3. Hear correspondents from other associations.
4. Appoint standing committees.
5. Appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.
6. Appoint a brother to preach the missionary sermon.
7. Appoint a brother to lecture on Sabbath schools.
8. Appoint general meetings.
9. Appoint place for next session of the body.
10. Call for queries.
11. Hear report of committees.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Call the roll and mark absentees.
15. Provide for printing minutes.
16. Read and adopt minutes.
17. Adjourn to time and place.

——ORDAINED MINISTERS.——

H. R. Moore, Forester's Chapel, Ala., Wm. McCarter, Level Road, Ala.

MINUTES.

The ministers and delegates composing the twenty-sixth annual session of the Rock Mills Association met with Macedonia church, Randolph county, Ala., Oct. 20-22, 1896.

Rev. G. F. Weaver stated that he was physically unable to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Motley proceeded to conduct the services, at Rev. Weaver's request, from the 11th chapter and 2nd verse of 1st Corinthians and the 11th chapter and 17th verse of the Acts, using the latter clause of each verse.

After an intermission of one hour, and after singing and prayer by Rev. Allen, the body proceeded to business.

Appointed preaching committee—Brethren P. M. Gross, Wm. Weathers and James Pierce, together with the delegates and pastor of this church.

Read statistical letters and enrolled names of delegates as follows:

Beaulah—A. J. Stark and J. D. Arrington.

Union Grove—J. M. Barton and P. M. Gross.

High Shoals—Wm. Weathers and C. E. Sugar.

Union Hill—P. P. Bailey and W. T. Bailey.

Macedonia—T. J. Embrey, J. W. Watson and E. G. Williams.

Big Springs—T. J. Camp, M. J. Young and J. S. Pierce.

Rocky Branch—W. T. Bradley, Thomas and J. W. Fincher and E. J. Rollins

Paron—J. W. Wood, W. J. Cooper and E. O. Kitchens.

Election of officers to serve for the ensuing year in regular order. Rev. G. F. Weaver was elected moderator. He stated he belonged to another association. On motion Bro. P. M. Gross was elected by acclamation, and R. L. Brumbeloe clerk.

PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.

Invited ministering brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents from other associations and received W. J. Layton from the Central Western.

East Liberty—F. M. Handley, G. F. Weaver, J. W. Green and F. A. Weaver.

Cary—R. M. Allen, J. C. Motley, J. A. Dunn, W. M. Worthy, and W. R. Rolton.

On motion the body adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The committee appointed Rev. R. M. Allen to preach at the church at early candle lighting. According to arrangements Rev. Allen preached at the church from the 18th chapter and the latter clause of the 18th verse. Rev. J. A. Dunn prayed.

SECOND DAY.

Appointment of standing committees as follows:

Publications—Wm. Weathers, E. H. Rollins, W. J. Cooper.

Missions—H. R. Moore, P. P. Bailey, J. S. Pierce.

Sunday Schools—G W Watson, J W Wood, Tom Fincher.

Temperance—Wm Weathers, T J Embrey, E G Williams.

Finance—E G Williams, J W Fincher, T J Embrey.

On motion the appointment of a brother to preach the introductory sermon was omitted until the next session of the body.

On motion Bro. Wm Weathers was appointed to lecture on Sunday schools at the next session of the body.

On motion Brethren Wm Weathers, T J Embrey, and E O Kitchens were appointed to arrange time and place for general meetings.

On motion the next session of the body will convene with high Shoals Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., 1897, embracing Sunday.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the call was renewed for correspondents and received Brethren H M Mitchell and J H Stewart from the East Liberty.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev W J Layton being appointed to lecture on Sunday schools, introduced Rev J A Dunn, who delivered a lecture.

On motion an adjournment of 10 minutes prevailed.

According to appointment Rev H R Moore preached the missionary sermon at the church from the 28th chapter and 19 verse of Matthew, and Rev J A Dunn at the academy from the 1st and latter clause of the 11th verse of Ephesians. The collection amounted to $5.27.

After an intermission of one hour the body reassembled, and after prayer by Rev. Wm McCarter, proceeded to business.

Called for reports of standing committees and received and adopted reports from the committees on publications, Sunday schools, missions and temperance.

On motion, the body adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

After singing and prayer by T J Embrey the body proceeded to business.

On motion the appointment of correspondents was deferred to miscellaneous business and was to be in the form of a resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion a resolution was adopted allowing the members of our body to represent us in sister associations without appointment.

Read, received and adopted the report on general meetings.

On motion the delegates agreed to vouch for their respective churches the amount in connection with their names:

Beaulah	$ 5.00
Big Springs	10.00
High Shoals	15.00
Macedonia	15.00
Paron	10.00
Rocky Branch	15.00
Union Hill	2.50
Union Grove	15.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Total	97.50

On motion appointed standing committees to report at the next session of the body as follows: Missions—Wm Weathers; Temperance—Rev H R Moore; Sunday schools—T J Camp; Publications—H J Pritchett.

Heard and adopted the report on finance.

On motion the amount of money for missions was ordered sent to the state board, asking them to direct it as they think best except the $6.65 contributed to Brethren Camp and Nail, secured by collection.

On motion Rev. Moore was appointed as delegate to the state convention.

On motion the clerk is to have the minutes printed and retain the balance of fund for his services.

Read and adopted the minutes.

Adjourned to time and place.

P. M. GROSS,
Moderator.

R. L. BRUMBELOE, Clerk.

Reports of Committees.

General Meetings.—Meeting of the 1st district will meet with Macedonia the 2nd district will meet with Paron. The meetings of both districts will be held on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1897. WM. WEATHERS, Chairman.

Publications.—We urge the Baptist people of our association to read God's word first. In connection with the same The Alabama Baptist and The Texas Baptist Standard, and other Baptist literature; also Southern Convention Series of Sunday School Helps.

WM. WEATHERS, Chairman.

Missions.—We, your committee on missions, are sorry to report the spirit of missions so near dead. We do hope and pray that the brethren will awake to the great responsibility that is resting upon them as members of the church. H. R. MOORE, Chairman.

Temperance.—When we consider the suffering of the innocent from the use of intoxicating drinks and the degrading influence upon those yielding to its powers, we truly feel the great responsibility that is resting on us as professed servants of God, who so often by our actions give encouragement to those moving in this direction. Brethren there is much to be done, work continually for all, and let us by the help of God in his unerring wisdom, do our duty in suppressing this great evil to mankind.

WM. WEATHERS, Chairman.

Sunday Schools.—There could be a great work accomplished in Sunday schools, but we are sorry to see the work so much neglected in this association. We, therefore, request each church in this association to take more interest in this great work in the future than in the past. G. W. WATSON, Chairman.

Finance Report.

Missions	$34.66
Sunday Collections	5.27
Minutes	10.00
Total	49.93

E. G. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

That any of our members may represent us at our sister associations without appointment.

That we tender our thanks to the church and community for the appreciative manner in which they entertained the association.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter.	Dism'd by letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Minutes	Missions	Day of meeting
Beaulah	Randolph	J. B. Strickland	A. J. Arrington	7	..	3	1	..	..	$.75	$...	2
Paron	Randolph	J. G. Bledsoe	H. J. Pritchett	1	1	..	..	..	1	1.50	2.90	1
Macedonia	Randolph	J. C. Motley	G. W. Watson	2	6	..	1	2	..	2.00	9.25	2
High Shoals	Randolph	W. H. Wright	J. R. Stitt	7	..	.	1	2	2	1.50	9.46	1
Rocky Branch	Randolph	W. H. Wright	H. C. Boone	6	2	15	5	..	1	1.55	4.10	3
Union Grove	Heard, Ga	W. P. Cofield	J. B. Adams	2	2	14	1	..	..	1.50	5.25	1
Union Hill	Randolph	G. F. Weaver	T T. Kilgore	2	5	1	..	1	..	.60	1.00	1
Big Springs	Randolph	W. H. Wright	H. E. Hester	..	1	14	2	..	..	.60	2.45	..
Pleasant Hill	Randolph	These churches were not represented.										
Pleasant Grove	Randolph											